

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe
23rd April 2023: Easter III

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect of the week: Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: Give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading ~ Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17 (BCP p.728)

- 1 I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication; ♦ because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.
- 2 The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me; ♦ by grief and sorrow was I held.
- 3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: ♦ 'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord ♦ for all the benefits he has given to me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation ♦ and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord ♦ in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord ♦ is the death of his faithful servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant, ♦ your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving ♦ and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord ♦ in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the house of the Lord, ♦ in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia.

Epistle Reading ~ I Peter 1: 17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was

destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Gospel/New Testament Reading ~ St Luke 24: 13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Post-Communion Prayer: Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymns:	Saint Michael’s	259	645	451	272
	Saint Mary’s	646	272	588	

Service Notes

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Services & Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 23 rd Easter III	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
	10.30	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Choral Matins	The Cathedral
	16.00	Come & Sing	Saint Michael's
Monday 24 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 25 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 26 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 27 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	19.30	Easter General Vestry	Saint Michael's
Friday 28 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 29 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 30 th Easter IV	10.30	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Sung Eucharist	The Cathedral
		No Service in Saint Michael's	

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Easter General Vestry: The General/Easter Vestry of Limerick City Parish will be held on Thursday 27th April 2023 in Saint Michael's Church, Pery Square, Limerick at 7.30 p.m. The Book of Reports is attached (ezine) or available on request from the Cathedral Office.

Come and Sing: A special event will be held in St Michael's on 23rd April at 4pm. All are welcome to attend ... and sing!

Congratulations: To Norman and Thomasena Symes on the birth of their son, Harry Thomas. A first grandson for Will and Esther!

Contact details: We have a number of people with eircom.ie e-mail addresses in the contact lists. These addresses are no longer active so emails bounce back. If you would like to update your contact details please email limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com

Used Batteries: Each church now has a recycling drum for used batteries. Donations welcome!

St Michael's: Due to the Great Limerick Run there will be no service on 30th April.

The Evergreens: There will be an outing to the Woodlands Hotel in Adare for Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 25th April, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. (Please note the time.) Contact Noreen Allen (085 7335855) if you wish to go or let us know at the meeting next Tuesday in the cathedral. The cost of the tea is €30 per person and this amount will be subsidised from our funds, reducing the cost to €20 per person. The final date for a decision to go and to pay Noreen is Sunday 16th April, 2023. If you wish to cancel, let Noreen know by this date as well.

Emma Melin: There will be a service to honour the memory of Emma and to support Mats & the family on Tuesday 2nd May in the UL Contemplative Centre at 4pm. This will be followed by light refreshments in Teach Fáilte. This will be an opportunity to share stories and memories of Emma. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Murroe-Boher Historical Society: will host its next talk on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 8 pm at the Fitzgerald Room, Muintir na Tíre Hall, Murroe. Tom Ryan will discuss "Using DNA to Help Build Your Family Tree." Admission €5 to non-members (includes refreshments). All welcome.

Car show: This will now take place on Saturday 29th April in the Cathedral grounds (as part of Riverfest). If you are still interested in helping out with stewarding, etc, please let the Dean know. Your help will be required from 11am-4pm (lunch provided). For those interested in attending, tickets may be purchased in advance from www.eventbrite.ie/e/cars-at-the-cathedral-tickets-582291689117?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

REFRESHMENTS	23 rd April	30 th April	7 th May
Saint Michael's	Richard Allen	x	Sheila Cusack
The Cathedral	Karen Wilson & Catherine Smith	Cathedral team	Jemimah Egbulam

Remembrance Book: Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: Joan Maeaney Rev. Alan Matchett, John O'Brien, Mabel Lyttle, Det. Garda Margaret Nagle, Norma Naughton, Susan and Pepe Faro, Freda Shorten, Honoria Howes, Frank Tyrell, George Copley, Patricia King and Vera Fenton.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* the Diocese of Down & Dromore and the Rt Revd and David McClay. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Church of the Province of Uganda.. *Diocese:* We pray for members of Select Vestries, and those whose terms of office have finished this year, giving thanks for their service to our parishes.

Prayers for the Sick: Your prayers are asked for the sick in our community, especially, Harold Armstrong; Sylvia Martin; Emily; Tom, Moira Lowry; Mac; Alan Kennedy; Zandra; Stephen Richards; Kathleen Leddin; Marie O'Connor; Sinead; Martha McDermott; Ava Colohan; Aileen Henderson; Rose McNamama; Dean Sandra Pragnell; Patrick; Brian; Barbara Farnley; Terry Gibson; Susan Whelan; Rosaleen Moloney; Catherine Coulter; Michael Downes; Catherine Slattery; Helen; Oliver Stapleton; Tim; William Downes; Maureen Bramwell, Daniel O'Connell, Jim K; Stephanie K, and Marie M.

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